

# **ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**RSA Plaza, Suite 350  
770 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama**

**February 18, 2016**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **A. Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2016.

The following Board Members were present:

Francine Parker, EdD, MSN, RN, President; E. Laura Wright, PhD, MNA, CRNA, Vice-President; Gladys Davis Hill, MSN, RN, Secretary; Melissa Bullard, LPN; Peggine Carpenter, BA, LPN; Chrystabell King, LPN; Valorie Dearmon, DNP; Amy Price, MSN, RN; Judith LaDonna McDonnell, LPN; Helen T. McAlpine, EdD; and Executive Officer Peggy Benson, MSHA, MSN, NE-BC. ABN Board members absent were: Jill B. Hightower, MSN, RN; Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP; Cheryl Bailey, BSN, MBA.

Staff members attending the meeting were: Cathy Boden, MSN, RN, Director - Probation Monitoring and Compliance; Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN, Director - Advanced Practice; Mary Ed Davis, RN, MSN, DNP, Director - VDAP; Honor Ingels, Chief Legislative and Information Officer; John Marc Glasscock, CFO; Alice Maples Henley, Deputy Attorney General/General Counsel; Patrick Samuelson, Assistant General Counsel; Gail Hampton, Attorney; Joyce Jeter, MSN, RN, Practice/Continuing Education Nurse Consultant; Brad Jones, IT Specialist; Angela Kennedy, RN, MSN, Compliance Nurse Consultant; Tonya Smith, as recorder; Debra Lett, PhD, MSN, MPA, RN, Education Nurse Consultant; Abby Migliore, RN, MSN, Compliance Nurse Consultant; LaDonna Patton, MSN, RN, CEN, Director - Alabama Nursing Resource Center; Robert Rollins, IT Director.

Visitors attending the meeting: Alabama Community College System; Breckinridge School of Nursing; ITT Technical Institute Students; Judson College; Southern Union State Community College and Mark Wilkerson, Administrative Hearing Officer.

B. Declaration of Quorum

A quorum was declared with ten Board members present on February 18, 2016.

C. Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act

Prior notice of this meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

C. Oath of Office

On February 18, 2016, Valorie Dearmon, DNP; Judith LaDonna McDonnell, LPN, and Helen T. McAlpine, EdD read the oath of office. A written "Oath of Office" was provided to each Board member for signature.

E. Review of Agenda

1. Additions, Modifications, Reordering

Ms. King noted the year on the agenda was in error and requested correction.

2. Adoption of Agenda

**On February 18, 2016, Dr. Wright moved that the Board adopt the agenda with year correction. Ms. Bullard seconded. Motion carried without objection.**

**II. ADVANCED PRACTICE**

A. Collaborative Practice Report

A written report was accepted as information on the Consent Agenda.

The Joint Committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 15, 2016, to review applications awaiting Board approval, and the ABME will meet on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, and receive the Joint Committee recommendations.

**III. NATIONAL COUNCIL LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS**

A. FY 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter NCLEX-PN Results

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter NCLEX-PN Results for FY 2016 were accepted on the Consent Agenda.

B. FY 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter NCLEX-RN Results

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter NCLEX-RN Results for FY 2016 were accepted on the Consent Agenda.

IV. EDUCATION

A. Education Report

A written report on nursing education was accepted, as information, on the Consent Agenda.

B. FY 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter NCLEX® Results Analysis

Dr. Lett reported the analysis of First Quarter 2016 NCLEX®- RN & NCLEX®-PN Results. First quarter results of NCLEX-PN® and NCLEX-RN® of Baccalaureate, Associate, and Licensed Practical nursing programs of first-time writers are provided from testing dates, 01 October 2015 – 31 December 2015.

Candidates who wrote the NCLEX - RN® exam represented 37 nursing programs: 14 baccalaureate degree granting and 23 associate degree-granting programs. 62% of RN program candidates who tested during first quarter FY2016 failed to achieve the 80% composite first time writers pass rate on the NCLEX - RN® exam. 64% (9 out of 14) baccalaureate degree granting programs met the first-time writers 80% outcome standard for first quarter 2016, as compared to 22% (5 out of 23) of the associate degree granting programs.

79 candidates wrote the NCLEX-PN exam, of which 69 (87.3%) passed and 10 (12.7%) failed to meet the outcome score of 80%. Candidates who wrote the NCLEX - PN® exam during the first quarter of FY16 represented 17 Licensed Practical Nursing programs, with 24% of Licensed Practical Nursing programs failing to meet the 80 percent outcome standard.

C. Fortis College RN Program, Montgomery: Presentation @ 10:00 AM

Fortis College presented their plan of correction related to the deficiency notice and their action plan related to NCLEX scores. Fortis College answered Board member questions for clarification. The correction plan was received by the Board on February 18, 2016.

**Dr. Wright made a motion to defer action on acceptance of the plan of correction until the next meeting, to allow time for adequate review. Ms. Bullard seconded. Motion carried without objection.**

D. Administrative Hearing for Judson College, February 18, @ 1:00 PM

The Administrative Hearing for Judson College was held at 1:00 pm.

**V. BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

A. Mark Wilkerson, Administrative Hearing Officer @ 09:00 AM

Ms. Benson introduced Mr. Mark Wilkerson, Administrative Hearing Officer for ABN Board of Nursing.

Mark Wilkerson, Esq., Hearing Officer reviewed his background as a hearing officer and answered general questions from the Board.

**VI. EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

A. EO Financial Policy Review

Ms. Benson presented the Financial Parameter Guideline, with minor revisions, for review. Ms. Benson reported that continuing the financial parameters policies allows the EO to pay for purchase orders and expend funds as needed in a timely manner.

**Ms. Price moved that the Board accept the Executive Officer's Financial Parameter Guideline as revised. Ms. King seconded. Motion carried without objection.**

**VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

A. Legislative Update, Honor Ingels

Mr. Ingels presented a report, which was accepted on the Consent Agenda.

**VIII. REPORT OF MEETINGS ATTENDED**

None was reported

**IX. BOARD TRAVEL**

A. 2016 APRN Roundtable, NCSBN, April 5, 2016

Dr. Dearmon will be attending the 2016 APRN Roundtable, NCSBN on April 5, 2016 to represent the Board.

**X. Alabama Nursing Resource Center (ANRC)**

A. Graduate Nursing Student and Research Advisory Council

Ms. Patton requested that the Board appoint a Graduate Nursing Student and Research Advisory Council. The advisory council will be a valuable resource to the Board with representation from all regions of the state and varied practice backgrounds. Principal stakeholders include Graduate Nursing Program Directors, Board members, and Board Staff.

**Ms. Price moved that the Board establish the Graduate Nursing Student and Research Advisory Council and accept the invited member/designee list as the advisory council. Ms. King seconded. Motion carried without objection.**

B. ANRC Activity Report

The ANRC Activity Report was accepted on the Consent Agenda.

**XI. NEXT MEETING DATE:**

March 24-25, 2016, 770 Washington Ave, RSA Plaza Suite 350

**XII. OTHER**

**XIII. BOARD MEETING DEBRIEFING**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The ABN Board meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm on February 18, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Francine Parker, EdD, MSN, RN  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gladys Davis Hill, Secretary

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tonya Smith, Recorder 02/18/2016